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The Examiner has issued an action requiring restriction between the following groups:

Group I-claims 1-4 and 11-27, drawn to a composition and methods for its use.

Group II-claims 5-10, drawn to method of producing a food composition and food composition produced by the method.

Applicants respectfully traverse this requirement. However, to expedite prosecution, applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-4 and 11-27). Applicants preserve all rights to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of claims 5-10.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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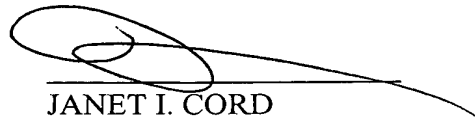
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